



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

John PURNELL

Application No.: 10/665,419

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For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR IDENTITY MANAGEMENT

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR §1.102(d)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.102(d) and MPEP §708.02, Applicant respectfully requests that this Application be accorded special status as relating to an invention for countering terrorism. More specifically, this invention relates to methods and systems for verifying the identity of a traveler or employee at a transportation facility.

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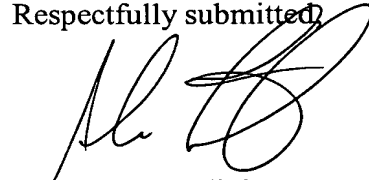
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Applicant respectfully requests that this Application be taken up ahead of other applications in the Examining Group which are not accorded "special" status.

Respectfully submitted,



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